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KIND FATE

You strike at hearts of gentle ways;
And in their grief they give you praise.

Once, once you struck at me . . .
And will not strike again.
You do not like to bruise your hands
On hearts that hoard their bright hard pain.

THE STRONGHOLD

Here he lies
Under the solemn stones,
Secure from Life—a little while;
Old Death,
With his ready smile,
Busy among his bones.

LOOKING ON

I urged my mind against my will:
My will shook like a rocking wall,
But did not fall;
My mind was like a wind-swept tree,
And neither knew the victory.

I dashed my mind against my will:
They did not break or bend or spill,
But in my heart the songs grew still.